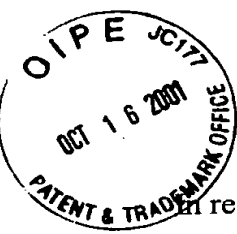


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SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed with a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 1, 2001 were the original Rule 63 Declarations of the inventors Brendan Walsh, Luigi J.F. Canali, Stephen D. Candelmo, Gail M. Bergantino and Michael R. Hasslinger signed on behalf of themselves. Also, submitted therewith was the original Rule 63 Declaration of the inventors Felipe J. Fuster, Frank D. Banda and Jorn M. Schaffner signed by inventor Brendan Walsh on their behalf along with a Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) to accept the filing of the above-identified application by other than all of the inventors.

Several days after the submission of the Response and the Petition, the enclosed original Rule 63 Declaration of Jorn M. Schaffner was received. See attached Exhibit A

having a copy of the envelope, postmarked October 2, 2001, that contained the Rule 63 Declaration of Jorn M. Schaffner. Please enter the enclosed Declaration of Jorn M. Schaffner in this application. Accordingly, the Petition solely to the extent of Jorn Schaffner's refusal to join the application is moot. However, the Petition to accept the filing of the above-identified application by other than all of the inventors, namely inventors Felipe J. Fuster and Frank D. Banda, is continued.

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